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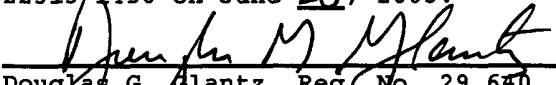
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AMENDMENT

Please enter the following Amendment in response to the second Office Action on the merits, Paper No. 5, made non-final mailed March 26, 2003 in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A process for forming a synthetic wood material, comprising:

(a) providing a plurality of continuous fibers selected from the group consisting of filaments of graphite, carbon,